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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING STRANDED ALUMINUM CABLES

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2006, requiring restriction of the above-identified application to one of two specified inventions, applicants hereby elect Invention II (apparatus, claims 38 - 45).

The requirement for restriction is nevertheless respectfully traversed. The stated reason for the requirement is that "the process as claimed can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus such as stationary dies" (emphasis added). Each of the independent method claims (1, 24 and 25), however, expressly recites that wires are reduced in cross-sectional area "in at least two rolling steps," while the single independent apparatus claim (38) recites that the apparatus comprises at least two "rolling passes" each "for rolling each wire to reduce the cross-sectional area of the wire." In light of these recitals, the asserted basis for requiring restriction is not understood. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement are accordingly courteously requested.

Concerning the request for provision of a tabular or other correlation of reference numerals and claim limitations, appli-

cants believe that this request was met by the list and marked copy of claims attached as Exhibit I to their communication filed February 9, 2006. A duplicate copy of these papers is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

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Reference Numerals & Indicated Parts

10	double twist stranding machine
12	Input pulley
14	bow
16	output pulley
18	pulling device
20	bobbin
22	cable assembly area
24	aluminum wires
24A	wire in elliptical cross-section
24B	wire in reduced circular cross-section
24B'	central wire
24B"	adjacent wires
24B'''	outer wires
26	grooved guide roller
28	shaping roll
30	shaping roll
32	grooves in roll
34	grooves in roll
36	elliptical opening
39	additional guide rollers
40	grooved guide roller
42	grooved roll
44	grooved roll
46	grooves in roll
48	grooves in roll
50	stranding plate
52	die
54	cable core
56	roller
60	roll forming part of S-stack
62	roll forming part of S-stack
64	roll forming part of S-stack
66	strand assembly plate
68	die
70	assembled cable
70'	fully twisted cable
74	additional shaping rolls